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February 10, 2022

Dahnish Shams  
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CPHEA/CPAD  
Washington, DC

Re: January 2022 Progress Report, Technical Expertise Support on EPA Scientific Issues and Topics

Contract #68HERC19D0011; PR-ORD-20-00642; Task Order #68HERC20F0025

Task 1. Recruitment of Technical Expertise to Support EPA Meetings and Workshops  
Task 2. NAS-Led Meetings and Workshops to Support Assessment Development  
Task 3. Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Document

Dear Mr. Shams:

This progress report for the tasks, referenced above, covers the month of January 2022. Information on project-related activities and expenditures for each task is provided below. Attached for Tasks 2 and 3 are a table of monthly labor costs, cumulative labor costs, total monthly expenditures, cumulative total expenditures, and the percentage of the total potential award spent, and figures showing a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff. National Academies project staff participated in bi-weekly meetings with EPA personnel to discuss progress and plans for upcoming activities.

**Task 1. Recruitment of Technical Expertise to Support EPA Meetings and Workshops:**

There were no expenditures for Task 1 in January. The total expenditures since inception are \$70,363.99.

## Task 2. NAS-Led Meetings and Workshops to Support Assessment Development:

The workshop planning committee held its first meeting on January 20. During the meeting, the committee discussed its task of planning two workshops, and each member discussed his/her professional background and any potential conflicts of interest. In addition, the committee discussed whether it was appropriately constituted to carry out its task. On January 28, the committee met with EPA representatives to discuss plans for the two workshops. Project staff spent time preparing for and facilitating each committee meeting. In late January, Kaley Beins became the responsible staff officer (RSO) for Task 2. Ray Wassel, the previous RSO, will remain on the project staff team.

### Financial information for January 2022

Cost Category	Expenditures (\$)
Labor Cost	<div>Ex. 4 CBI</div>
ODCs	
Overhead	
G&A	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,719.40</b>

The total expenditures since inception are \$116,394.53.

## Task 3. Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Document

In January, staff continued to prepare the report entitled: *Review of U.S. EPA's ORD Staff Handbook for Developing IRIS Assessments: 2020 Version* for final publication by the National Academies Press (NAP). The final published report was posted onto the Academies website at this link: <https://www.nap.edu/read/26289>. In addition, the report was printed in book form.

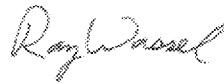
In response to a request from minority staff of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, Academies staff facilitated a report briefing that was given by the committee chair via the Internet to several congressional staffers.

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Cost Category	Expenditures (\$)
Labor Cost	<b>Ex. 4 CBI</b>
ODCs	
Overhead	
G&A	
<b>Total</b>	
	<b>8,617.10</b>

The total expenditures since inception are \$309,536.19.

Sincerely,



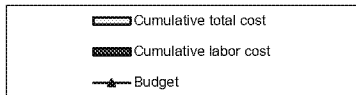
Raymond Wassel  
Responsible Staff Officer

cc: Vicki Soto, U.S. EPA  
Andrea Dehne, U.S. EPA  
Jorge Rangel, U.S. EPA  
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Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

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395.18



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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost

Dollars (thousands)

**Ex. 4 CBI**

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~~Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor~~

Dollars spent

**Ex. 4 CBI**

travel)

⌘ Funds Spent this Period ⌘ Total funds spent to date

Task

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■ Hours worked this month

□ Hours worked to date

Hours

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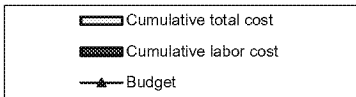
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Task 3 - EPA Tox Review  
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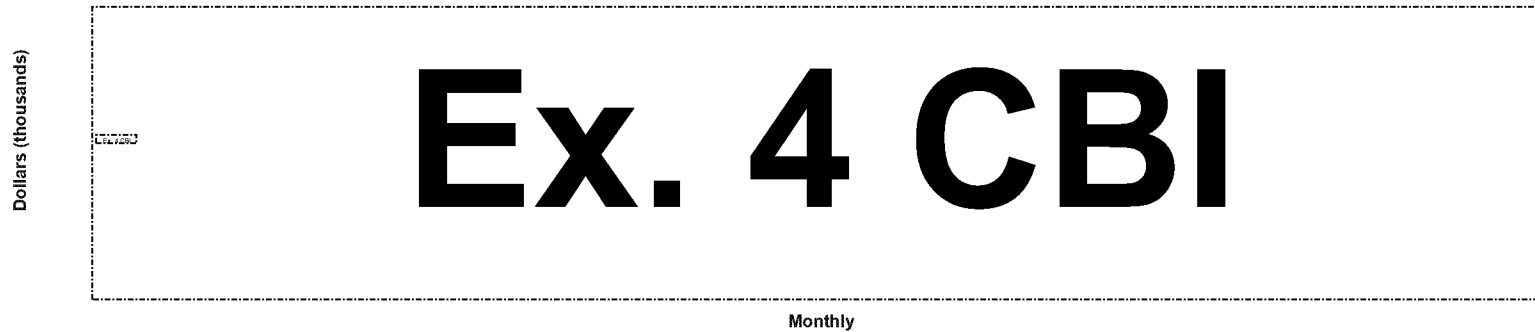
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Dollars spent

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■ Funds Spent this Period ■ Total funds spent to date

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■ Hours worked this month

Hours

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